



Robin Hood Primary School

Reception Newsletter – Friday 29th March 2024

This Week:

We have had a fantastic last week in Reception! Festivities were well underway at Reception as children proudly showcased their DIY Easter bonnets this week. Having been tasked with making their own bonnets, the children were delighted to be able to parade their creations around the nursery, whilst partaking in many other Easter crafts.

Home Learning:

Reading – To read your phonics book at least 4 times a week, and your reading for pleasure book with a parent. **Please bring your Reading Folder to school every Thursday. These will be changed and handed back out by Friday.** Please remember to log the books we send home from school, on in your Reading Planner. It is optional to record any other books you share with your child.

The Travelling Book Fair Competition: The travelling book fair will be in school Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th April and we will be holding a competition where the children can win a £5 prize voucher that they can use at the book fair. Encourage your child to draw their favourite book character.

Please complete the Home Learning worksheet and return by **Thursday 18th April.**

The theme for Summer 1: Miniature Worlds

In the first week:

English: To introduce our theme of miniature worlds, we will begin by reading *Mad about Minibeast* by Giles Andreae. The children will learn the story through Talk for Writing and will retell it using actions and a story map. We will be encouraging the children to use their Phonics skills independently to write simple sentences from the story. The children will continue to write their name daily and we will be looking for correctly formed letters in both their first and last name.

Phonics: We will learn the letter/sounds /ai/ /ee/ and will practise listening and identifying these sounds in a Floppy Phonics story. The children will be encouraged to match these initial sounds to objects and listen for the sounds in different words. We will progress onto writing these sounds and drawing images to represent the sounds in words.

Maths: In Maths, the children will become more familiar with numbers beyond 10 and the pattern (stable order) of numbers to 20 and beyond. First, to ensure that children can say the numbers 11, 12 and 13 and support them to use one-to-one correspondence to count items beyond 10. We will be using rhymes such as Sesame Street's Pinball Number Count and stories such as Anno's Counting Book by Mitsumasa Anno. The children will be answering key questions such as *how will you building numbers 10/11/12//13? Where can you find 10/11/12/13? What number have you built? What did you notice about the number?*

Wider Curriculum: Next half term, the children will be exploring the key question: *What is a minibeast?* We will learn that a minibeast is an invertebrate (a small creature without a backbone). We will learn to recognise, name, and describe common minibeasts: insects, spider, beetle, worm and millipede.

Reminders:

- The first day of Summer 1 is **Monday 15th April**.
- Reception PE days are on a **Wednesday** (outdoor) and **Thursday** (indoor). On these days, your child can come to school dressed in their PE kit (white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms or shorts, black or green jumper and trainers).
- Every day your child has the option of having a piece of snack (fruit or vegetable) provided by school, which they can enjoy in the Snack Café. Please feel free to send in an alternative piece of fruit or vegetable, if you wish.
- Water Bottles will remain in school and will be washed and refilled ready for your child every day.
- We are a Healthy School, therefore if you are sending your child with a packed lunch, please ensure you are providing a balanced, healthy lunch for your child. You can find some suggestions on the following website - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>, which provides some sweet/chocolate substitutions, as sweets and chocolates should not be in your child's lunchbox.
- Please ensure you have joined your child's Google Classroom to ensure you are receiving key information and updates.

Have a lovely half term,

Miss Mills, Miss Parker & the Reception Team.